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M E M O R A N D U M

December 7, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: JAMES L. ALCOCK, Assistant District Attorney

RE: EDWARD JULIUS GIRNUS, Prison #A-90428-A

Re: CLAY SHAW
As: SHAW + (OSWALD) "LEE"
Re: OSWALD
Re: EXTREME RIGHT WING
Re: THORNLEY

EDWARD JULIUS GIRNUS was interviewed at the United State Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 5, 1967. He was in that institution for a violation of the Dyer Act (interstate transportation of stolen vehicles). GIRNUS stated he owed the State of Virginia 28 years for various unspecified criminal violations.

As GIRNUS recalls, he was released from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on January 11, 1963 -- his rap sheet indicates he was released on February 14, 1963. He was in that institution for interstate transportation of a forged instrument. Immediately upon his release, GIRNUS moved to Pasadena, Texas, which is just outside of Houston. Being on 21 month conditional release, he had to report to a federal parole officer every thirty days. While in Pasadena he used the name of EDWARD STARK.

Sometime in February or early March, 1963, GIRNUS made a trip to New Orleans. He was down here looking for some old friends. He stayed at a hotel one block off of Canal Street, on or near North Rampart Street. He did not find the persons he was looking for so he returned to Pasadena, Texas. While he stayed in Pasadena, he lived on South Randal Street. He couldn't recall the street number.

In March, 1963, GIRNUS moved to Waco, Texas. While there he lived with a woman, not his wife, at 1806 Independence Avenue.

Sometime in March or April, 1963, GIRNUS moved to Dallas, Texas. He was still with the woman he met in Waco, and he stayed at the St. George Hotel. The St. George is on Elm Street two blocks from the Records building. At this time he was using the name EDWARD STARK almost exclusively. During this period GIRNUS was charged with embezzlement from a gunsmith who owned two gun shops in Dallas. (GIRNUS' rap sheet shows an embezzlement charge was nolle prossed in Dallas on May 18, 1964). Also during this stay in Dallas, GIRNUS, using the name of STARK, frequented the Theatre lounge, Circus lounge and the Diamond Horseshoe lounge. JACK RUBY allegedly owned one of these lounges.

GIRNUS associated with some of the strippers from these clubs. Most of these girls stayed at the Blue Bonnet Hotel on Commerce Street. Through his association with these people and these clubs, GIRNUS met a friend of JACK RUBY's who was interested in buying guns. This man, who GIRNUS would not identify, was associated with a rabid right-wing group who had access to large amounts of money. GIRNUS also met a man from New Orleans through this group who was interested in purchasing guns. As a result of a conversation with the man from New Orleans, GIRNUS moved to Leesville, Louisiana. GIRNUS would not identify this man from New Orleans.

*On Chartres Street,
in the French Quarter
JS*

GIRNUS went to Leesville in a pickup truck he had purchased in Oak Cliff using the name of RITTNER. RITTNER is supposed to be an engineer from New Orleans. GIRNUS had somehow gotten his identification papers.

GIRNUS arrived in Leesville sometime in early April, 1963. He moved in with a woman who owned a bar and gambling joint by the name of Marie's Hideaway. The woman's first name was MARIE. While in Leesville, GIRNUS became associated with an organization known as the Democratic Club. The membership of the club consisted of both military and civilian personnel. The organization used a private club named the Ponderosa for their functions.

At this time, GIRNUS was buying and selling guns. He bought most of his guns from some military men he had met at the club. During this time he shot a sergeant, but paid \$800 and no charges were pressed. The sergeant's name was FOWLER and after the shooting he was transferred to Fort Sam Houston in Texas. GIRNUS made several trips to New Orleans with the guns and ammunition. He thought the guns were ending up ultimately in Central America.

SHAW:

On one of these trips to New Orleans in May or June, 1963, GIRNUS met CLAY SHAW. On this particular trip GIRNUS, using the name of EDWARD STARK, stayed at a big hotel which had a street-level garage facing Chartres Street. The garage was at the back of the hotel and it was near the Alpine Restaurant and Bar. GIRNUS met SHAW in the Alpine Restaurant and Bar. He was introduced to SHAW by a man who owns an apartment house on Exchange Alley or Place. This apartment building has a courtyard. The man who owns it is a homosexual. He is short, fat, wears glasses, bald and everytime GIRNUS saw him he was wearing bermuda shorts and sometimes he would be walking a dog.

"Max"

When GIRNUS met SHAW on this occasion, he was with a group of people. A man who owned a bar in the Quarter by the name of MAXIE WOOD or WOODS was in the group. Also, there was a woman who was either presently WOOD(S) wife or ex-wife. She also owned a bar. A New Orleans Police Sergeant who owned a cafe or bar was also present. The police officer was heavy set with brown hair. He did not wear glasses. *Identify police sergeant JS*

SHAW spoke to GIRNUS a little while, and during the conversation invited GIRNUS (STARK) to his home in Hammond, Louisiana. GIRNUS felt that everyone in the group knew of his gun running activities.

About 8 or 9 days after this initial meeting with SHAW, GIRNUS returned to New Orleans from Leesville. He stayed at a motel on the Airline Highway, but he cannot remember its name. He went to a bar in the Quarter -- the one the woman at the Alpine bar owned -- and met a man who he deemed to be the manager. He and this man (name and description unknown) went by car to an office in a building in the central business district near Sears Roebuck.

*SHAW:
OSWALD:*

SHAW was in the office and they started talking about guns. SHAW allegedly knew some people who wanted to buy some guns. SHAW made a telephone call, and sometime thereafter two men came to the office. One of the men was LEE HARVEY OSWALD. OSWALD was introduced by SHAW to GIRNUS as LEE. GIRNUS cannot remember the name of the man who came in with OSWALD. He was well dressed in a business suit, 5'11" tall, 210 pounds, and he had dark black hair. OSWALD was wearing khaki pants and a white shirt. This meeting took place sometime before noon, however, GIRNUS cannot remember the day of the week.

This conversation centered principally on Central and South America -- the best way to get there and the general living conditions. GIRNUS, who said he had traveled quite a bit in Central America, told OSWALD what he knew about these countries. Suddenly, at this point in the interview, GIRNUS told me he did not want to give me any more details. He said the institution (penitentiary) bugged him, and he did not want to talk any further lest he get himself into a storm. (He was obviously committing crimes in this area, and was fearful of prosecution). He said he did not realize I would be taking down everything he said. He told me he would have someone in Atlanta send me a picture of two people. One of the persons in the picture was LEE OSWALD. He said the picture was taken in Mexico. Additionally, he was sending me an FAA flight plan which would be self explanatory and helpful in our investigation. FERRIE allegedly had something to do with the flight recorded on the flight plan.

Not clear
to me
either -
JG

I assured him we were only interested in facts that aided us in our investigation, but he still refused to go on with a fact-detailing interview. So I put my pad away, and engaged him in general conversation about the prison. During this conversation I was able to elicit a few more facts.

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The last time GIRNUS saw OSWALD was when he drove him to Catulla, Texas. This trip took place sometime in September, 1963. While in Catulla, GIRNUS introduced OSWALD to a friend of his who was an ex-Mexican army man. OSWALD and GIRNUS' friend went into Mexico through Laredo, Texas. Their trip had something to do with getting OSWALD a passport.

SHAW:

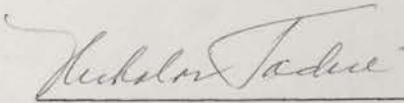
GIRNUS attended several parties where SHAW was present. At least one of these took place in Hammond, Louisiana. GIRNUS thought it was SHAW's home, but he was not sure of this. OSWALD was at this particular party which took place in a large colonial brick house which had a big yard all around it.

Though GIRNUS terminated this particular interview abruptly and at a crucial time, I feel he will talk to me further.

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Re: SHAW (+ FERRIE)

STATEMENT OF MR. NICHOLAS TADIN

I was out at the New Orleans Airport on a Saturday or a Sunday afternoon sometime during the summer of 1964. I had brought my boy out there to take some flying lessons from Dave Ferrie. After I parked my car I noticed Dave Ferrie and Clay Shaw coming out of the hangar. Dave Ferrie was about three feet ahead of Clay Shaw. Clay Shaw turned to go to his car and Dave Ferrie was coming towards me. When Shaw turned Dave waved at him. Shaw just got into his automobile and left. I asked Dave Ferrie if this was a new student that he had because I knew of Clay Shaw and he said, "No, it was a personal friend and the Manager of the International Trade Mart, and that was the end of that. However, I did call it to the attention of my wife when I saw Clay Shaw and told my wife who he was at the time. I had seen Clay Shaw several times before around the French Quarter and know positively that this was him."


Nicholas Tadin

Office of the District Attorney
February 27, 1969

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Re: SHAW (+ FERRIE)

STATEMENT OF MRS. MATHILDA TADIN

My husband and I had gone out to the New Orleans Airport one afternoon sometime in the summer of 1964. While waiting to see Dave Ferrie, we saw him come out of the hangar with another person. My husband turned to me and said "Look who's with Dave" and I said "Who's that"? My husband told me that the man was Clay Shaw, a notorious degenerate.

Mathilda Tadin

Mathilda Tadin

Office of the District Attorney
February 27, 1969

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MEMORANDUM

April 22, 1969

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Note: LO departed for Europe
on Lybia ship on Sept 20, '59
jr

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney
RE: The New Shaw Lead File

Re: THORANLEY (2)
Re: SHAW (2)
Re: OSWALD
Re: BANNISTER

41) EDDIE PORTER LEAD (See Sciambra memo 12/19/68) 69.

Sciambra
PORTER met OSWALD in the summer of 1963 in the Penny Arcade located in the 100 block of Royal Street. OSWALD was with a male prostitute by the name of JOHN who, according to PORTER, spent most of his time "hustling the queens" around the Arcade. OSWALD told CAPT. MARTELLO that JOHN was a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. PORTER currently lives in California but has relatives in the city. Efforts should be made to get his California address so that we may further communicate with him.

42) SHAW PARTIES LEAD 68.

Sciambra
"PATSY", a colored female impersonator, said that he has entertained at some of the parties given by CLAY SHAW. He said that he quit working for SHAW because he didn't like his attitude. (REID can contact).

43) BILL GAUDET LEAD (See FOWLER memo of 4/15/69) 67.

Sciambra
GAUDET is editor and publisher of the Latin American Reports. He had offices in the old International Trade Mart and is now located in the new International Trade Mart. According to WEISBERG, GAUDET is C.I.A.

44) SHAW IN ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA (See Sciambra memo of 4/3/69) 66.

*Apparent
Sciambra*
Leads pertaining to SHAW's activities in St. Francisville have come in. I suggest that ALFORD who has made a contact in St. Francisville handle this lead in conjunction with me.

45) FRIENDS OF DEMOCRATIC CUBA (See Special File) 65.

Apparent
According to numerous reports, the Friends of Democratic Cuba was created and sponsored by the C.I.A. It was organized around 1960 by BILL DALZELL and SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH. (BANNISTER was its Director). Supposedly, its F.B.I. contact was REGIS KENNEDY and its C.I.A. contact was a man named LOGAN. It moved from the Balter Building to the International Trade Mart a few months after its conception. On January 20, 1961, JOSEPH MOORE along with a person named OSWALD attempted to buy some trucks from Bolton Ford for the

Invasion. Although this may not be a matter of priority, because of the people involved in the organization, I think we should keep an open mind in this area.

- 46) GUY BANNISTER AND 544 CAMP STREET (See Special File)

64.

Alford
Because of the importance of GUY BANNISTER and the 544 Camp Street location I suggest we assign one man to look thoroughly into GUY BANNISTER and related activities around 544 Camp Street.

- 47) ^{*McBeth*}
MCBETH ROOMING HOUSE LEAD (2429 Napoleon Avenue)

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□ On p. 26 of the rooming house's cash book, there appears, "6/28/59, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, El Paso, Texas, Room D". KERRY THORNLEY's Grand Jury testimony reveals that at one time he, too, lived at the same McBeth Rooming House.

*Who was running the place in 1960 - 1963
Who owns?*

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Shaw
MEMORANDUM

Re: SHAW (aka "BERTRAND")

June 6, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FROM: DOUGLAS WARD AND L. OTILLIO, JR., DETECTIVES
RE: STATEMENT OF CLYDE JOHNSON, RESIDING BOX 327,
KENTWOOD, LOUISIANA

On January 11, 1964, at about 9:00 A.M. or 10:00 A.M. my wife OUIDA, EDWARD MCMILLAN and his wife, MRS. MCMILLAN, and I went to St. Helena Parish, fifth ward, so that OUIDA and I could vote.

After having voted the four of us left St. Helena and drove to New Orleans. We stopped at various bars and restaurants to more or less to politic and discuss the election with friends.

When we arrived in New Orleans, we checked into the Monteleon Hotel. ED and MRS. MCMILLAN came to our room and we all went downstairs to the Carousel Lounge and had a few drinks. We left the Carousel Lounge, my wife and I returned to our room. ED and MRS. MCMILLAN had gone out to eat, meanwhile someone called my room and asked me to come downstairs to MCKEITHAN headquarters to make a statement on television about the election.

After having made the statements, I gave the key to my room to one of my supporters and told him to go upstairs and have drinks brought to the room.

We all then went to the Carousel and had more drinks and then went to my room to watch television and celebrate the election.

When we got to the room, it was packed like sardines and I met a lot of people there. ED and MRS. MCMILLAN were with OUIDA and I when we got back to the room. ED and MRS. MCMILLAN stayed for a good while and left, saying they were going to the Famous Door and asked if we wanted to go, but because we still had people there we told them we would stay.

I do remember one thing distinctly, before they left there was a grey haired gentleman about 50 or 51 that told my wife to get up and fix him a drink, at the time he was laying across one of the beds, surrounded by two or three other people. I told this gentleman to get up and fix his own damn drink; my wife is not your barmaid or anyone else's. This man was known to me as ALTON BERNARD, that I have since identified as CLAY SHAW, after having seen his picture in the paper many times.

After having viewed the four pictures you've just showed me, I identified #4 as the man known to me at that time as ALTON BERNARD.

It was not very long after this that the party broke up and my wife and I went to bed.

The above statement, consisting of three pages of yellow legal paper, taken in long hand, by Det. L. Otilio, Jr., and witnessed by Det. D. Ward and attorney WILLIAM M. QUIN (MR. CLYDE JOHNSON'S attorney) was taken on this date, Thursday, June 1, 1967, and completed at 12:25 P.M. This statement was taken in Kentwood by Det. L. Otilio, Jr., in MR. JOHNSON'S own words and read back to him before his signature was placed at the end along with his address, also let it be noted that his attorney has also read this statement.

Also attached to this statement, is one photograph of four, that MR. JOHNSON identifies as being CLAY SHAW.

(Signed) CLYDE JOHNSON
Box 327 Kentwood, La.

(Signed) William M. Quin
Det. Douglas L. Ward
Det. Lester Otilio

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M E M O R A N D U M

April 23, 1968

Re: THORNLEY

Re: OSWALD

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: JAMES ALCOCK and LOUIS IVON

RE: CONNIE T. KAYE

CONNIE T. KAYE, a vocalist at Pat O'Brien's, was interviewed in our office on April 19, 1968. The interview was conducted as a result of statements attributed to her in the December 14, 1963, issue of the Saturday Evening Post magazine.

MISS KAYE told us she saw OSWALD in Pat O'Brien's about two or three times. He would slip in the back and stand in a corner. He never purchased a drink. The times she saw him he was wearing a white sport shirt open at the collar. The shirt was somewhat soiled and he looked very haggard and emaciated. He looked, to her, like many of the French Quarter male prostitutes. He never seemed to be with anyone, however.

At the time, during her routine MISS KAYE would refer to FIDEL CASTRO as "that Bastro". After one performance in which she used this gag, she had a run-in with OSWALD at the Bourbon House. He, without invitation, interrupted her conversation to castigate her for knocking CASTRO. From his looks, she deduced he was a "character" and did not engage him in any debate or conversation. As she recalls, this incident happened sometime in September, 1963. OSWALD was wearing his usual attire (slacks and white sport shirt open at the collar) and he had what appeared to be a couple of days' growth of beard.

All told, MISS KAYE saw LEE OSWALD two or three times at Pat O'Brien's and one time at the Bourbon House. She is sure it was OSWALD, but said he was thinner than his pictures indicate.



VICTOR M. SCHINO
MAYOR

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Mr. Francis
Monday 21st
Thurs 24
7:1
Re: SHAW (3)

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
TEL. 523-3345

November 11, 1963

MARIO BERMUDEZ
DIRECTOR

Mr. J. M. Sullivan
Executive Director
World Trade Center
Perry Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I tried to get in touch with you by telephone today but, pending completion of the call, I am writing you on the same subject I would like to discuss with you by telephone.

{ Mr. Clay Shaw, Managing Director of the International Trade Mart here in New Orleans, is going to be in San Francisco from November 21 to 23 and, if you consider some local business groups there would be interested, he would be willing to address them on the subject of our International Trade Mart and his experience in founding the present one and promoting the new building, which has just started construction, and the effect of the Mart on international trade through the Port of New Orleans.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard, or if you wish you could contact Mr. Shaw directly: International Trade Mart, New Orleans, La., telephone 523-6137, and meanwhile, with kind regards, I am,

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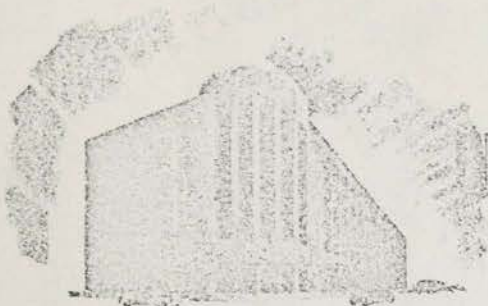
Sincerely yours,

Mario Bermudez, Director

mb/bd

"N.O. Case History in Int'l Relations"
30,000 Smith Center

Re: SHAW (3)



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INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART

NEW ORLEANS, U. S. A.

November 13, 1963.

WORLD TRADE CENTER

NOV 14 1963

Mr. Monroe Sullivan,
Executive Director
World Trade Center
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

This will confirm our telephone conversation that I will speak before a luncheon meeting on Friday, November 22nd at the World Trade Center. My topic will be "New Orleans-- A Case History in International Relations."

I am enclosing herewith photograph and biographical sketch for your use, if needed. I am also enclosing fact sheet and photographs of the new International Trade Mart project for which we have broken ground. This may be useful for your bulletin.

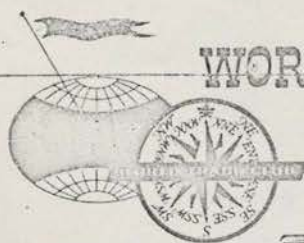
I appreciate your offer to arrange a room for me for arrival on Thursday morning, November 21st. I will call you early Thursday morning.

Cordially,

Clay Shaw
Clay Shaw
Managing Director.

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WORLD TRADE CLUB

Report

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CONSULAR CORPS HONORS GOVERNOR

San Francisco's Consular Corps chose the World Trade Club as the setting for a reception and dinner honoring Governor and Mrs. Edmund G. Brown earlier this month. The Acting Dean of the Corps, Adolfo G. Dominguez, Consul General of Mexico, is shown below (left) greeting California's Governor Brown in the Game Room of the Club. On the right is the Secretary of the Corps, Consul General Alessandro Savorgnan of Italy.



Since the opening of the Club in April, 1960, the local Consular Corps members have sponsored many of the most interesting events in the Club. Receptions for visiting foreign government officials, trade missions and business leaders, and the celebration of "National Day" of the various countries have all been occasions lending an international flair.

In his welcoming speech, Mr. Dominguez said:

"The Consular Corps of San Francisco, in whose name I speak, is now tied with Hamburg, Germany, as the second largest in the world with 54 representations, preceded only by New York. And this fact is important when we remember that there are some 3,200,000 aliens in the United States, of which over 661,000, or 21% of them, live in your beautiful State of California. Many of them will no doubt become your fellow citizens this year; but until they do so, we the Consuls present, will be entrusted by our governments to look after their interests, their welfare and their relations with their new place of abode.

COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 22 - Luncheon - S.F. Area World Trade Association, World Trade Center Authority, and World Trade Club. Speaker: Clay Shaw, managing director, New Orleans International Trade Mart, will discuss "New Orleans Case History in International Relations."
- Nov. 25 - Luncheon - S.F. Area World Trade Association and the German-American Trade Advisory Board. Speaker: Dr. Schmitz-Lenders, German Ministry of Economics, currently in charge of German International Exhibitions and Trade Promotion.
- Dec. 17 - Christmas Around the World Dinner.
- Dec. 18 - Christmas Around the World Luncheon.

CLUB NEWS

The traditional Christmas Around the World luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 18, for members. Albert L. Reeves, chairman, membership committee, and senior vice president, Utah Construction & Mining Company, will represent the Club Board of Directors at this event.

This year, for the first time, a Christmas Around the World Dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, December 17, to enable members, their ladies and guests to attend. Club President George Killion, president, American President Lines, will represent the Board of Directors at the dinner, which replaces the usual Tuesday International Buffet. An outstanding musical program (identical at the two events) is promised by Club Manager D.T.T. Mackinnon. Announcements concerning these special Christmas celebrations will be in the mail shortly.

HOLIDAY SEASON SCHEDULE

The Club will be open:

- Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve - Until 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve - Until 4 p.m.

The Club will be closed:

- Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day - all day
- Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day - all day

Among recent visitors to the Club were Michael, Prince von Hohenzollern, and Hubertus, Prince von Lowenstein, of Germany; Ambassador Braj Kuman Nehru of India; Ambassador Gilbert Spence of British Guiana; Sir Berkley and Lady Ormerod, of England; and Pancho Gonzalez.

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Re: SHAW (3)



*The San Francisco Area
World Trade Association*

in cooperation with the

World Trade Center and
World Trade Club

World Business Luncheon Meeting

"NEW ORLEANS - A CASE HISTORY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS"

The Role of America's First World Trade Center

by

CLAY SHAW

Managing Director, International Trade Mart, New Orleans

Mr. Shaw helped to found and develop the International Trade Mart and Club, and is responsible for promoting the new \$30 million International Center which is now under construction in New Orleans. Much of San Francisco's early planning for a World Trade Center and Club evolved from the New Orleans "case history." All of us shall find particular interest in hearing Mr. Shaw's report on the role of the New Orleans operation in world trade promotion.

Date and Hour: FRIDAY, November 22, 1963 - 12 noon

World Trade Club, Game Room

Luncheon: \$4.00

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R: SHAW (3)

Trade Director Lunch Speaker

Clay Shaw, managing director of the International Trade Mart at New Orleans, will address a luncheon meeting of the San Francisco Area World Trade Association at noon today in the

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tion of the Chamber of Commerce at noon today in the World Trade Club.

Re: SHAW (in "BERTRAND")

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

A F F I D A V I T

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared

MR. JAMES A. HARDIMAN, JR.

who, after being duly sworn did depose and say:

I reside at 2006 Pauger Street in the City of New Orleans, and my telephone number is 949-2187.

That I am presently employed by the United States Post Office as a mail carrier. My delivery route covers the lower French Quarter section of the city. I deliver mail to 1414 Chartres Street, which is the residence of Jeff Bidderson.

After the Clay Shaw case broke and the name Clem Bertrand became well known, I realized that I had delivered letters addressed to Clem Bertrand to 1414 Chartres Street. I feel that I have delivered at least five such letters to this address. I am positive the addressee was Clem Bertrand. The letters were in personal sized envelopes and were addressed in script in blue ink. I did not notice whether there was a return address on the envelope.

At about the time I was delivering the letters addressed to Clem Bertrand to Jeff Bidderson's residence at 1414 Chartres Street, I was also delivering letters addressed to Clay Shaw to Bidderson's residence. These letters addressed to Shaw had been forwarded from another address. Unlike the letters addressed to Clem Bertrand, all letters addressed to Clay Shaw, but delivered

to Jeff Bidderson's residence, were forwarded from another address. I feel I delivered at least ten letters addressed to Clay Shaw and forwarded to 1414 Chartres Street.

None of the letters addressed to Clem Bertrand were ever returned to me. They would have been returned to me if the address had been bad or the addressee was not receiving mail at that residence.

James A. Hardiman Jr.
JAMES A. HARDIMAN, JR.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME THIS 7th DAY
OF May, 1968.

WITNESSED:

James A. Hardiman Jr.
James A. Hardiman Jr.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

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[Handwritten signature]

Re: SHAW (as "BERTRAND")

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

January 23, 1968

STATEMENT OF: ALOYSIUS J. HABIGHORST
New Orleans Police Department

RESIDING AT: 3426 Pittari Place
New Orleans, La.

RE: FINGERPRINTING AND FACTS CONTAINED ON
FINGERPRINTING CARD, (BEARING NO. 125-388
NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT)

S T A T E M E N T

On March 1, 1967, at approximately 8:55 P.M. I had an occasion to print and process a white male who identified himself as CLAY LEVERGNE SHAW who was booked under police item number C-466-67 of the New Orleans Police Department.

MR. SHAW was given three fingerprint cards and asked to sign his name in a designated spot on the card. After having been fingerprinted by Patn. James Millet who is a New Orleans Police Officer and was assigned in the B of I of the Central Lockup along with myself on the above date. In order to fill these cards I asked MR. SHAW related questions as to his date of birth, middle name, occupation, birth date and place, scars or marks or tatoos of identification on his body, and also asked him "what other names other than CLAY L. SHAW do you use" and in reply MR. SHAW gave me the name of CLAY BERTRAND.

I would not consider MR. SHAW's attitude as being facetious in fact he was most cooperative during the entire time.

The above statement is true and correct and I have made same of my own free will.

[Handwritten signature of Aloysius J. Habighorst]
ALOYSIUS J. HABIGHORST

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

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To: LUN
Please file
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Re: JHAW (2) (as "Bartrand")

A F F I D A V I T

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came
and appeared

MRS. JESSIE PARKER

who, after being duly sworn did depose and say:

I reside at 1623 North Galvez Street in the City of
New Orleans, and my telephone number is 947-0838.

That I am presently employed at Rubenstein Brothers
located at the corner of Canal and St. Charles Streets. Before
this employment I was employed as a hostess in the V.I.P. Room
at the Moisant International Airport for Eastern Airlines, and
I started this employment on November 14, 1966. My working
hours of employment were from 8:00 in the morning until 2:00
in the afternoon. I was actually paid by Gulf Janitorial Service
but the V.I.P. Room was under the supervision of Eastern
Airlines.

The V.I.P. Room remains locked and in order for
someone to get into it they have to be admitted by someone who
has a key. The people besides myself who had keys are: Cecilia
Fagan who was also a hostess and who worked with me in the
V.I.P. Room, Mr. Saladiano, Mr. Provenzano, Mr. Paul Cook,
Mr. Phillip Scofield and the three ground hostesses whose names
are Kay Kulman, Elizabeth Bloodsaul and a girl named Barbara
whose last name I cannot remember. There was also Mr. Keller
and Mr. Gaudin and the man who was supervisor of the Ticket
Counter on Common Street.

J.B.

No one could enter the V.I.P. Room unless they were brought in by someone who had authority to grant them entrance and also who had a key. I had directions not to let anyone in unless he was escorted by one of the above named people.

The V.I.P. Room is a place where people who are considered to be important people could come in and sit down and wait for incoming or outgoing flights. The room was divided into three sections and had a television and drinks were served for their convenience. There was also a registration book in the V.I.P. Room and it was part of my job to get the people who visited the V.I.P. Room to sign their names in this registration book. Mr. Sciambra has shown me a group of approximately forty photographs of various individuals and out of these photographs I have picked three photographs which I have marked "S-1", "S-2" and "S-3" and signed my signature to them. I do not know the names of any of these people and I am identifying them by the above numbers.

I identified the picture marked "S-1" which is of the person who has an identification plate with New Orleans, Louisiana, and numbers 125388 and dated 3/1/67 across his chest, as the man who came into the V.I.P. Room on December 14, 1966, and signed the registration book with the blue pen. Prior to his coming into the V.I.P. Room no one else had signed the registration book while I was on duty. He entered the V.I.P. Room with another gentleman whose identity I do not know but who was almost as tall as the man whose picture I have identified as "S-1" and was dressed in a business suit as he was J.B.


I do not know if this other gentleman signed the registration book. After they left and before anyone else signed the registration book, I examined the book as was my custom to see who had signed and the signature on the book by the party whose picture I have identified as "S-1" was CLAY BERTRAND. This was the signature he used in signing the registration book and I saw him sign the book.

I observed the person whose picture I have previously identified as "S-1" in Judge Haggerty's court room last Tuesday and I recognize him to be the same person who signed the registration book CLAY BERTRAND on December 14, 1966.

I have examined the registration book and I recognize the signature CLAY BERTRAND as the one which the gentleman I have identified placed on the book.

I am unable to identify the other party that was with him.

I recognize the party that I have identified as "S-1" particularly because of his height and the color of his hair and his facial characteristics.


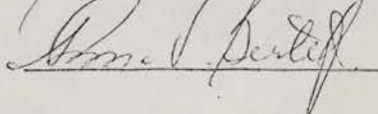

MRS. JESSIE PARKER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

WITNESSED:

THIS 29TH DAY OF January
1969.


NOTARY PUBLIC

~~no~~

no effect:

~~no effect~~

For: Home file
(general)

~~2000-2001~~

For: Name file
(general)

M E M O R A N D U M

Re: FERRIE

January 11, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FRM: SGT. F. SEDGEBEER
RE: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

In conversation with one August Agnelly, Jr., residing at 280 Veronica Drive, Chalmette, Louisiana, telephone number 279-7376, it was learned that he was familiar with Dave Ferrie, that he had been in the C. A. P. with him. Agnelly has been employed by McDermott Aircraft located at the New Orleans Airport as a mechanic for the past six years. At one time Agnelly mentioned that there was a National Guard Pilot who was on active duty and was associated with the "Minute Men". An interview with Agnelly may prove beneficial in this investigation.

FENNER O. SEDGEBEER

FOS/bb

United States District Court
FOR THE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.

JIM GARRISON, FREDERICK A. SOULE,
SR., ROBERT N. FREY, LOUIS M.
BOASBERG, HARBY S. MARKS, JR.,
ROBERT NIMS, JOHN J. ELMS, JR.,
LAWRENCE L. LAGARDE, JOHN ARUNS
CALLERY & JOHN ELMO PIERCE

Magistrate's Docket No.

Case No.

COMPLAINT for VIOLATION of

U.S.C. Title 18

Sections 1511, 1955, 1952, 2, 371

BEFORE

Name of Magistrate

New Orleans, Louisiana

Address of Magistrate

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

That on or about (see pp. 2 & 3) ~~xxx~~, at or near New Orleans, Louisiana,

in the

Eastern District of Louisiana, JIM GARRISON, FREDERICK A. SOULE, SR.,
ROBERT N. FREY, LOUIS M. BOASBERG, HARBY S. MARKS, JR., ROBERT NIMS,
JOHN J. ELMS, JR., LAWRENCE L. LAGARDE, JOHN ARUNS CALLERY, and JOHN
ELMO PIERCE
did⁽²⁾ violate: (continued page 2)

And the complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached affidavit.

And the complainant further states that he believes that he is a

~~xxx~~ material witness~~xxx~~ in relation to this charge.

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

2:50pm

[Signature]
Signature of Complainant.
[Signature]
Official Title.
[Signature]
United States Magistrate.

(1) Insert name of accused.

(2) Insert statement of the essential facts constituting the offense charged.

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Mr. William R. Martin,
Assistant District Attorney,
New Orleans, La.

Re: SHAW (+ CANADA)

Dear Mr. Martin,

Following is the promised memorandum on a few Canadian leads in your case against Clay Shaw.

The affidavit from the Winnipeg man who overheard the conversation at the airport is being made this week and will reach you later.

Mr. Malcolm Campbell, of 1099 Eastlawn, Sarnia, Ontario, who wrote your office about an eyewitness to the Dallas shooting, cannot provide any more information on the subject. The eyewitness, Liberty magazine editor Norman Similas, is unavailable. Liberty magazine was published by Consolidated Press until 1964 when it was sold to another company and folded after a few issues. When it wound up its operations, Mr. Similas was writing a serial on his experiences in Dallas and in the last issue Mr. Similas said the next issue, which never appeared, would carry a picture taken of shots being fired at Kennedy. I made some enquiries regarding the sudden collapse of the publication, but people in the business seem to be convinced that it was genuine financial trouble. "They went broke," as one spokesman put it. Mr. Similas can't be located at the moment. A relative, Helen Similas of Toronto (probably an estranged wife or a mad sister) doesn't want to talk about him at all and becomes irritated when someone mentions his name. The people he formerly worked with have lost track of him. His name has been mentioned, however, by Ramparts magazine and other critics of the Warren report as one of a list of witnesses never interviewed by the Warren commission. Ramparts misspelled his name quite badly.

Re: KEITH ALLEN (in SHAW'S notebook)
(VANCOUVER)

Mr. Keith Allen, 40, a Seattle accountant whose mother lives at 1139 Matthews Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia (the address listed in Shaw's notebook) is a service buddy of your man. He's single and probably queer, but the last time he's seen Shaw was 20 years ago. They've been exchanging Christmas cards since. Mr. Allen has never heard of Kootenay Bay.

Re: KOOTENAY BAY, B.C. (in SHAW'S notebook)

Kootenay Bay, B.C. June-September (1963) seems a very mysterious notation. The place is in the interior mountainous country of B.C. on the shore of a lake. A ferry runs across the lake to Kootenay Bay and one can also reach the place from the south, from the U.S. by narrow, winding mountain road. There is one motel in the town, the Mary Ann motel, but it doesn't seem to have a telephone. There are also camp grounds and cabins and the whole area is a prime tourist region in the summer, especially from June to September.

Re: LARRY ROGERS (in SHAW'S notebook)
(TORONTO)

Mr. Larry Rogers, 25, of the St. James Town apartments in downtown Toronto (his aunt and uncle live at 43 Denlock Crescent, Willowdale, Ont. which was the address listed in Shaw's notebook) also seems queer. He doesn't have a job, but is in the position to travel extensively, throw big parties and generally live it up. Has made several trips to London, England, where he chummed around with Shaw and a group of decadent Englishmen which included the former manager of Christine Keeler. He first met Shaw shortly before the Kennedy assassination, but he doesn't want to say where. In March of this year he went to Dallas "to visit friends" and in April to New Orleans for the same reason. He intended to look Shaw up while he was there, but later decided not to. He last saw him in London in 1966. He knew Shaw as a very bright person, who loved London, the theatre and big parties. He calls Shaw a "masochist." Rogers doesn't think Shaw had anything to do with an assassination ~~in~~ ~~xx~~ of the president of the United States, because Shaw didn't care about politics and "didn't give a damn about the whole United States." He says he feels "badly" for Shaw because Shaw is a "fun-loving fellow who likes a great time, likes to drink and likes to spend money."

This is the information I have gathered so far. If anything sounds interesting I can pursue these things further, of course. It would probably be easier for me as a Canadian newspaperman than for you as a New Orleans prosecutor. I have not yet written any story on the things discussed above for the newspaper, but I hope you will keep in mind that I am always interested in a story when something develops. I'll play ball with you any way you like, whatever confidential information you have that you don't want published but that might help me in tying up loose ends will be safe with me.

I might add that I am professionally as well as personally interested in helping your investigation any way I can. What you are doing in New Orleans takes a great deal of courage. It is probably the most difficult job a district attorney has ever undertaken in this century but it has to be done ~~in~~ for history's sake. I sincerely hope you succeed.

Always at your service,



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Lead File

Re: ODD CHURCHES
RADICAL RIGHT WING

To: LOU IVON
Please write in my name --
or call. sept June 10 '68

(213/247-3825
1012 East Colorado Street
Glendale, California 91205
May 10, 1968)

Mr. Jim Garrison
District Attorney
New Orleans, Louisiana

Jim: Letter to R. G. King (HARP)
files in Archives
(Copy for Lead Files)

Dear Mr. Garrison:

THE WHEAT HOUSE, 233 South Lafayette Park
Place, Los Angeles, California. Was the home of Clinton and
Elizabeth Wheat.

I was a paid informer for the FBI, L. A. Office, from April to mid-July 1964. My first meeting at the Wheat House was during the evening of April 25th, 1964, after which I became a weekly visitor until the last meeting in June 1964 - when the House sold.

ODD
CHURCHES

I reported in writing all data of the meetings at Wheat House, the Christian Defense League, the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian and The American Nazi Party. Also, those private meetings which took place after the public meetings in Lancaster and Reseda. I retained a copy of each and every report, against the advice of the FBI - I still have them- dates, names and places.

I have 15- 1 hour (plus) tapes. Two were taped at the Wheat House in 1963. Clinton Wheat was chairman and introduced both speakers who delivered classic examples of the hate-mongers sermons. The voice of Clinton Wheat is heard saying, "I've got two chambers (gas) ready for them now...two ovens ready for them now..." this outburst came after Lt. Col. William Paulley Gale had said, "...I can show you top-secret documents that prove that the six million Jews Hitler was supposed to have killed are right here in America..."

Two other tapes taped on November 24th 1963, they reveal the FBI's hasty move-in and questioning of these extremists of the right-wing. These tapes tell the listeners to not talk to the FBI, but to phone GML for attorneys.

Another tape taped Feb 23, 1964 tells the story of a town in California that a paper had been printed at the time of the assassination of the President in which left wing forces had the audacity to say, "that the bullet that was fired that killed Kennedy was fired by (name is spoken), this is how extreme they were."

Page 1. Chester W. Warman

Chester W. Warman

May 10, 1968

To: Mr. Jim Garrison, District Attorney, New Orleans, La.

I am a ex-convict, five convictions, a disabled veteran of two wars and eleven years honorable service as a Staff Intelligence Officer, G-2, 9301. The public here is not aware of my past criminal record and I must insist that maximum effort be taken to eliminate disclosure at the level of the police as well as at the public levels.

My mother is a nurse here...a nephew on the LAPD... another nephew is a banker...a brother-in-law Doctor. If it becomes known that I am a ex-con I will lose a, otherwise, permanent income of \$100.00 per month. I am unemployed.

I received threats by phone and letter during the fall of 1964 on my mother life and mine, when it became known that I reported to the FBI.

I do not believe I know Bradley or Hall however there were meetings of 100 or more at places other than the Wheat House. I have knowledge that Clinton Wheat and others collected ammunition for the Cubans. My reports reveal only one person that I met who was collecting funds for a Cuban cause. There are several questions I would like to have Bradley answer.

During 1963 three top members of authority went East -one said he went to North Carolina, all three said to Montgomery, Alabama, one said he met George Wallace-. One wanted to visit the four separate groups of the Ku Klux Klan in the State of Mississippi in June of 1964 to unite them through membership in the CDL -he wanted me to go along as I was his body-guard and the security guard for the offices and records of the National Headquarters of the CDL.

I haven't searched all these 1963 tapes for references to JFK.

The leader (Gale) of the armed California Rangers had a brilliant army career as a Ranger until he got to Fort MacArthur at the end of WW-II where he got into trouble, he left the service shortly after he faced a court-martial. A member, ex-military, who was most militant as a California Ranger was pals of the Minutemen and was instrumental in bringing into this society of extremist several Minutemen -he also sent three telegrams -one to U.S. Atty Gen, one to McNamara and one to JFK- for this he was apprehended, held for investigation and released, he was a typical fanatic with a inborn desire to act upon the words spoken by these preachers of hate.

I am a willing witness. I will assist at any level so long as my interests are considered.

I lived on Napoleon Avenue in New Orleans and have relatives in Donaldsonville and Luling.-you can readily understand why I am hesitant, even at this writing.

Chester W. Warman
Chester W. Warman

LEAD
(unconfirmed) →

Re: SHAW
: CUBANS
: OSWALD
: THORNTON

5-20-68

~~Redacted~~
~~Redacted~~
~~Redacted~~
(Redacted Hardy)

Dear Sir

Concerning:

Woodrow H. Hardy
910 S. Oregon Ave

Tampa, FLA

Phone 254-8251

← HARDY should
be interviewed

I'm sending you this information in case
it may be of help to you in the clay shaw
trial.

I met Mr. Hardy at a New Years Eve
party. During our conversation he told me he
was a private car transporter and remodeled homes.
He moved here from New Orleans, and told me
that he remodeled clay shaws here there. He
said at the time he saw many Cuban type
men visit there and that one man in particular,
(the name I have forgotten), who directed to you
that he knew Shaw, but stood outside the
shaw residence handing out papers and could not
help know Shaw.

It may help your case if you contacted
Mr. Hardy.

Sincerely yours
A citizen that believes
in your case.

Decatur, Ga. p.m.
Feb 12 '68



Lead file

Re: CUBANS

Dear Mr. Garrison

This may or may not be of ANY help to you about person
Named Dr. Carlos R. Duarte, 2898 Alameda Trail, Decatur, Ga.

Drug Rep. Walked in back door of large meeting at the
above named business, Dr. was very upset. Kennedy was killed.

Wife MD, runs business most of time.

Duarte in New Orleans before Kennedy death. Returned
two weeks ago from N.O. Two men also were at his house from
N.O. about four weeks ago.

Leaves town no less than once or twice a month.

visits or to New Orleans, Miami, N.Y. + Mexico. Meets most of
the boats from Cuba.

Due to Bay of Pigs hates Americans. Father lives in Cuba, Rich.
Government out of thousands used in movement in which he is
involved.

Helped over sixty of his people into our country.

Marrried to Miss. girl in internship, convenient for himself it
seems since he made statement didn't care for her. Wife doesn't know
his entire estate left to adopted Cuban child. Turned down for adoption
by county. Child by unwed Cuban he helped.

Each time these two men come from N.O. or miss., something big
breaks in the news. something amies.

"Nephew talks" worked at Sears New Delta.

Dr. lives in about \$2,000 home, vases, etc. \$500 up. possessions cost
more than home. Has lake home + meetings.

Brags, our tax money he puts to good use. It's to bad the government
has caught up to what he's doing.

God Bless our America

Re: CUBANS
C.I.A.

STATEMENT AND INTERROGATION OF MARTIN L. MC AULIFFE JR.
IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ON TUESDAY, MAY 9,
1967.

ARCACHA mentioned that BILL DALZELL and some of the other Americans who had been hanging around the Front office suggested starting a new group which Americans could join to be called "Friends of Democratic Cuba". (The Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front was a group headed by ARCACHA-SMITH consisting of Cubans and the Friends of Democratic Cuba was a group which consisted of Americans and which worked hand and hand with the Cuban Revolutionary Front.)

DALZELL asked me if I would be willing to let them use my name on the letterhead. Next thing I knew I was down as President of the organization. The group was in existence for about four or five weeks after its inception which was January 9, 1961.

After this happens I went over to see the man I had been contacting at the FBI; a man who used the name MR. CALL. I was never sure that this really was his name. I explained to MR. CALL that I noted what might be conflicts between my heading up the American group at the same time that I was handling the propaganda for the Cuban Revolutionary Front. There could be a conflict of interest at some point. He indicated to me that he thought it would be better if I did take the Presidency because that way I would know what was going on.

All the group did then was to get some furniture into a downstairs office in the Balter Building and we had a few meetings but the people who came to those meetings mainly were Cubans from the Cuban Revolutionary Front. We actually never really had many American members. We had no formal membership card. The only thing the Friends of Democratic Cuba ever did really was to shake cans on Mardi Gras Day on Canal Street once.

About four or five maybe six weeks after the thing was started I was called over to the FBI office and MR. CALL told me to dissolve the organization. When I asked him for a reason to give the people he told me simply to tell them it was in violation of the law in working with a foreign power and if we didn't dissolve they might be arrested. I went back and told them the organization was through.

When I was first contacted by ARCACHA and asked if I wanted to handle publicity for the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front which was organized in November or December, 1960, I called ADMIRAL WARDER, who was then Commandant of the 8th Naval District, who was a roommate of mine when we were at Annapolis. I asked him to check with his Naval Intelligence man to find out if it was all right for me to work with these people or not. The Naval Intelligence man then contacted me and set up an appointment with a man at the FBI who used the name MR. CALL. From that time forward until after the Bay of Pigs whenever I had anything to report to the FBI or whenever I was contacted by them the man was always the man I described as MR. CALL.

452-5864
488-4542

Room 223 Balter Bldg
S.H. Inc. Co. in 1961

Q. Can you give us a physical description of MR. CALL?

A. The one outstanding feature he had was very light blue eyes -- extremely light blue eyes. I would guess he was somewhat taller than I am - maybe 5'10" or 5'11". He was not heavy-set. He had the kind of leathery sort of face that someone who has served in the Navy a long time has. He had black hair, as I remember it. It was not patent leather black hair, perhaps a little kinky - though not really.

My last contact with these people was made in the summer of 1961 about two months after the Bay of Pigs when I received a call from Admiral Warder who suggested that I should no longer have the contact with the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front.

Some of the people who were in ARCACHA'S company before the Bay of Pigs were DR. DELHAYA and a MENENDEZ, perhaps LOUIS. Also a big, husky Latin type who was with the Honduras Revolutionary Front.

After the Bay of Pigs he was constantly in the company of CARLOS LOPEZ, JULIO BUZNADO and ENRIQUE SAGAS.

Q. Do you know GERARD TUJAGUE?

A. No. There were a number of Americans who were neighbors or friends of ARCACHA'S who names I don't remember that I have met. He may have been one of those. There was one man who was American but his wife was Cuban but I don't remember their names.

Q. Do you know GRADY DURHAM? His wife JUNE DURHAM?

A. No. At least I don't remember the names.

Q. Did you say that you were aware that the Cuban Revolutionary Front and the Friends of Democratic Cuba were working with the FBI?

A. Yes. I was aware that the FBI was supervising the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front. As far as the Friends of Democratic Cuba is concerned, I know of the conversations which I have already described. If they had more control than that I don't know.

Q. Are you aware that in January, 1961 a person by the name of JOSEPH MOORE and another person by the name of OSWALD attempted to purchase ten trucks from Bolton Ford?

A. I was not aware of that.

Q. Did you ever hear ARCACHA claim that the CIA was involved in either the Cuban Revolutionary Front or the Friends of Democratic Cuba?

A. He always said that the CIA had approved the Revolutionary Front and was supervising the invasion.

Q. Are you familiar with the Neptune Shipping Company? Have you ever heard the name of CAPTAIN ANDY mentioned in connection with the Neptune Shipping Company?

A. No.

Q. While working with the Cuban Revolutionary Front did you ever have occasion to hear the name of CLAY SHAW mentioned?

A. No, I never did.

Q. In connection with your Cuban-type activities you have never had occasion to meet or hear the name of CLAY SHAW mentioned?

A. No. I met FERRIE once. We had a fund-raising party prior to the Bay of Pigs, I think, at the Coffee House on Exchange Alley. The proceeds from the night's entertainment were to go to the Front. FERRIE showed up there which was the only time I saw him from the Bay of Pigs. I understand from what you all said that he became more active later.

Q. Did you have occasion to talk to him?

A. Only for a few minutes. Said he was a flyer and wanted to train flyers. My impression was that he wasn't allowed to do anything prior to the Bay of Pigs. He wanted to train flyers for the Front.

Q. In other words, his feelings were the same as the anti-Castro groups?

A. Yes. He wanted to do something but it was my impression that he was not accepted at that time. But, they could have been keeping something from me.

Q. Do you know of any activity across the lake for training purposes.

A. No. It was my impression that RODRIQUEZ (RODRIQUEZ was local head of MRP - Movement Revolutionary Popular) -- it was my impression that he leaked the story to Bill Slatter of a training camp across the lake. The national head of MRP was MANALO RAY. Under Eisenhower the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front was the main Cuban revolutionary organization. When Kennedy took over it was re-organized into the Revolutionary Council which included all groups. I informed Slatter that there were no such camps, but it is my opinion that if there were any camps going on at the time they were being conducted by the MRP and not the Revolutionary Front.

Q. Did you ever have occasion to meet WILLIAM CRAIS?

A. I may have but I can't tell by the name.

Re: CUBANS
(Info from Mary Farrell)

When I was in New Orleans two weeks ago today, you gave me a Xerox copy of a memo, dated April 7, 1967, re: Ammo Cache in St. Tammany Parish, August, 1963, with an attached memo dated Feb. 14, 1967, from William Gurvich, re: Seizure of Explosives, etc. In this second memo, there is a list of 11 names, including Rich Lauchli. There is a strong possibility that two or three of these men are Dallas residents. I am almost certain that Antonio Soto Vasquez is a Dallas man, and I am trying to determine if Victor Hernandez, Carlos Sanchez, and Miguel Jimenez ~~xxxxxx~~ aren't Dallas men.

Spanish men usually use at least three names, in this order:

Given name (i.e. Antonio), father's name (i.e. Soto), mother's name (i.e. Vasquez).

In the 1961 and 1962 City Directories, there was an Antonio Soto (wife Sipriana) cook Texaco Cafe, h 1411 Romine (he was shown as owner of 1411 Romine).

At the same address was listed a Lupe L. Vasquez, clk. Bio-Assay Laboratory, 1411 Romine. Bio-Assay Laboratory was at 3535 Fairmount. I know a little about their operation, which was rather strange in itself. (Remember that Gary Taylor, DeMohrenschild's son-in-law lived along there on Fairmount?) There has never been any listing for a Texaco Cafe in the city of Dallas. The Texaco Building is located at 1512 Commerce but I am not sure as to whether or not they had a cafe in there. Mr. Soto was the only person on his entire block who had a telephone in 1961 and one of the few who owned his home. My reasoning is that (his mother was Lupe Vasquez and according to Spanish custom, his name was Antonio Soto Vasquez.)

The Miguel Alvarez on whom I am "checking" was bartender at the Baker Hotel which is across the street from the Adolphus.

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Mr. William R. Klein
500 Glydon Street N.E.
Vienna, Virginia

May 4, 1967

Hon. Jim Garrison
Office of the District Attorney
Criminal District Court Building
Tulane and Broad
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: DALZELL
Re: RADICAL RIGHT WING
(Ed Butler)

Dear Jim:

Relative to our most recent conversation, I am enclosing the only material I have with respect to the Free Voice of Latin America.

The president of the Free Voice of Latin America was Juan Calixto Garcia, the grandson of the Garcia who received the famous message. I believe that he owned a plantation in Cuba and for one reason or the other left shortly after the Revolution. He was a student at Tulane University and worked part-time in the school cafeteria. Garcia was a mild-mannered, even-tempered fellow.

Otto Hofius was the vice president. He was shy, intelligent, easy-going and I believe a citizen of Belize, Honduras. The last time I heard from him, he was working for the superintendent of schools in New Orleans.

I drew up the Articles of Incorporation and was subsequently appointed secretary-treasurer shortly after the organization was formed. At my request the Free Voice was registered with the FBI in New Orleans.

I have forgotten what office, if any, Bill Dalzell held but his tenure was short-lived. Dalzell was fired for charging office equipment under the corporate name. He was a drifter, more interested in creating impressions than working for a living. For all of these negative qualities, I could not call Dalzell a dangerous man - merely a con-artist and not a very good one at that. On one occasion Dalzell introduced me to Jack Martin. Martin is a kind of manikin seeking involvement. He can contribute nothing to your investigation.

I met Edward S. Butler during a presentation of the Free Voice at a YMBA meeting. My first impression of this young man was favorable. He seemed aggressive and dynamic; precisely what the organization needed. Butler turned out to be an incredible organizer and in a few short months he had gotten together a Board composed of prominent New Orleans citizens.

Ed Butler was ultimately asked to leave the Free Voice of Latin America. This young man's ultra right wing views were not only embarrassing but in my opinion, dangerous. After assuming office as Executive Director, this ex-John Bircher metamorphosized into a kind of leashed Robespierre. He could think of nothing but the danger of some kind of globe-encircling communist conspiracy and that it was the primary goal of the Free Voice to forewarn the people of Latin America. His insistence on "exporting" this message abroad made his removal from office mandatory. The true concept of the Free Voice was prepared shortly before Butler left and enclosed herewith. It was written by Clint Bolten, a former editor for Reuters in India.

Our investigation of Butler was untimely but nonetheless appropriate. We learned that he either withdrew or flunked out of 2 schools. (Loyola University, and a private school in Mississippi); that he was a/ex-male model for Maison Blanche; a Fuller Brushman; an ex-member of the John Birch Society, and that he was formerly employed by the Perry Brown Advertising Agency. Mr. Brown is an agreeable fellow and should be able to assist you if further information is desired.

In spite of these apparent short-comings, Butler formed his own organization - The Information Counsel of the Americas (INCA) and induced every member of our Board to join his organization. This seduction of our membership arrested the growth of the Free Voice and I finally got around to filing for liquidation with the Secretary of State.

Butler apparently made a tremendous impression on Hale Boggs, much to my surprise and chagrin. He was lauded by Congressman Boggs before the U. S. House of Representatives (Cong. Record 1965) in connection with a "Freedom Academy." I am continually amazed by Butler's orwellian use of conceptual words and for his uncanny ability to impress his screwball definitions on men of high office. I understand that he is now sending messages to Latin America called "Truth Tapes". Butler is one of those people with so little faith in his country that he perceives its imminent downfall. He calls himself an expert on Communism; can quote from the manifesto, but has never heard of the Federalist Papers or the writings of Tocqueville. Butler once told me that fighting Communism was his whole life but conversely, one is never really sure what people like this are defending.

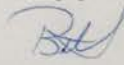
I do not know the present status of INCA, but by November 1965 many prominent citizens of New Orleans were either directly involved with the organization or on its Advisory Board. The social giants of New Orleans have always demonstrated a weird penchant for swapping medals and joining organizations at random providing they can spot one of their own. In the case of INCA, Dr. Alton Ochsner was the Queen Bee. I believe that the Ochsner Foundation is supporting Butler's organization. I suggest that you call the INCA office in New Orleans and ask them for a brochure and a membership list. Butler has the support of the White Citizens Counsel and has spoken before that group.

The Free Voice of Latin America was in no way connected with any other organization. The names you mentioned during our telephone conversation made no impression on me. I cannot, however, speak for the other members of this now defunct organization. The life of the Free Voice as a corporate entity was ephemeral and uneventful. I suppose you could say that its members were naive, inexperienced, and uninspired. For my own part it was an absolute bore. But then again, freshmen lawyers must endure so many things.

Jim, you have come a long way since I first met you. It seems like only yesterday that you stood before my desk in the Schiro Campaign Headquarters, rain water dripping from the lapel of your coat. It would be a terrible waste if the constructive work of your administration were undone by "vaulting ambition" and bad advice. As of this date, I am unimpressed with the strength of the state's case but undoubtedly there are many things that I do not know.

Best of luck.

Cordially yours,


WILLIAM R. KLEIN

Enclosure

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For: Lead files

RE: FERRIE
RE: DAZELL

MEMORANDUM FOR: LEAD FILE

RE: NOTES MADE BY DAVID FERRIE

At the bottom of FERRIE'S article on cancer, there is a portion of notes made by him but on another piece of paper. This was apparently picked up on the photostat machine when they made copies of his cancer article and obviously was not intended to be preserved. It appears that a letter or memo which he had made concerning his private activities was accidentally stuck in the photostat machine leaving us the bottom portion of his memorandum.

The portion which was reproduced reads as follows:

"...round faced - cross-filed file.

"...man - Bill Dazell (Billie Littlehorse)
Some of B's microfilm were sent to Atlanta
right-wingers - many of original files are
at Guy Johnson's"

JIM GARRISON

Re: DAVID FERRIE

I have now compiled and compared almost 3,000 phone numbers (after deleting duplications). At first I was very disappointed when comparisons were so fruitless. But, I guess, after thinking about it, it really lends credence to the assumption we've all already had... you are dealing with an extremely clever group whose plans didn't include "slip-ups."

There were only two numbers that were interesting at all. In Vol. 16, page 40, Oswald had the number PE 8-1951, FT Wth TV. When we check Ruby's phone calls, we see that he called this number twice. (We watch this channel almost constantly and I've never seen any advertising for the Carousel on it) Refer to Vol. 22, p. 517 and Vol. 25, p. 252.

6-10-63	Ft. Worth	PE 8-1951	1 minute	\$.35
6-11-63	Ft. Worth	PE 8-1951	10 minutes	1.57

On page 58 of Ferrie's long distance calls, he called Chicago, WH 4-4970, on Sept. 24, 1963. (I called Chicago and determined that this is the number for Delaware Towers, 20 East Delaware, Chicago) This is apparently a hotel type establishment near the Drake.

In Vol. 25, page 335, Lawrence Meyers (Ruby's friend), with Ero Manufacturing Co., called this same number.

11-20-63	Chicago	WH 4-4970	3 minutes	\$1.70
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The "additional information" tells us he called from Kansas City, Mo., at 9:09 a.m. to Miss A. Ase in Room 1405. Now, Lawrence Meyers (a happily married man with 3 children, according to his testimony in Vol. 25, pages 190 and 191) and his "girl friend", Miss Jean Aase, arrived in Dallas that same night, Nov. 20th, at 8 p.m., and checked in at the Ramada Inn (on Love Field). The next morning they moved to the Cabana Motel (on the President's route to the Trade Mart). The Cabana is owned by Hoffa's bunch. (You can read all of this in his statement but there is one little "funny" thing.) On the morning of the assassination, he took his brother, Edward Meyers, up to McKinney Texas, to show him their plant. They spent 20 or 30 minutes going through the plant.

The brothers got back to Love Field about 10 minutes before Kennedy's plane came in. Lawrence wanted to get to Ft. Worth so he dropped Edward and went on toward Ft. Worth. He says he stopped for lunch at Howard Johnson's and that is where he was when he heard that the President had been shot. It shouldn't have taken him more than 15 minutes to get to Howard Johnsons from Love Field. If he was in such a hurry to "drop" his brother and get on to Ft. Worth, he certainly took his time at Howard Johnson's.

You did a terrific job with the Playboy interview!

As far as Life goes.... Well, we all know you are naïve or you would never have put your neck in this noose...

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Re: OSWALD
Re: Radical Right Wing

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September 5, 1967

MEMO FOR: Lead Files and Para-Military File

RE: Random Information re American Nazi Party

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1. Re: Visit of George Lincoln Rockwell's "Nazis" to New Orleans, May 30, 1961 (See NOPD Item #E-11897-61 Our File on Rockwell): Among occupants of the Volkswagen bus at Highways 90 and 11, just outside of New Orleans, were JOHN PATLER (who later killed ROCKWELL) and DANIEL BURROS. BURROS' name is in LEE OSWALD'S address book (See CE 18). BURROS was not on the arrest scene with the others, hence is not listed among those arrested. He subsequently killed himself.
 2. Although ROCKWELL operated out of Arlington, Virginia, a recent listing taken from a circular (concerning unrelated matters) lists the headquarters of the AMERICAN NAZI PARTY as P.O. Box 22071, Dallas, Texas 75222.

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Application No. _____

Re: CUBANS

APPLICATION

To the Department of Finance, City of New Orleans
FOR SOLICITATION PERMIT

Name of Organization CUBAN DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARY FRONT (NEW ORLEANS DELEGATE)

Address 207 Balter Building

Is it Incorporated, NO Where _____ When _____

If not, what is form or organization? Association of Anti-Castro Political Parties

State whether profit or non-profit non-profit Have you a Board of Directors? or Trustees? NO

How often does Board meet? NONE Give date last meeting NONE

Names, Titles and addresses of officers and/or managers:

Name	Title	Address	Phone
<u>Manuel A. de Varona Laredo</u>	<u>Coordinator General</u>	<u>1700 Biscayne Blvd. Miami</u>	<u>FR 40884</u>
<u>Dr. Antonio Maceo</u>	<u>Secretary of Planning</u>	<u>1700 Biscayne Blvd. Miami</u>	<u>FR 40884</u>
<u>Dr. Mario Del Canal</u>	<u>chief, legal department</u>	<u>1700 Biscayne Blvd. Miami</u>	<u>FR 40884</u>

Give a brief description of the nature of the proposed solicitation, whether it will be directed to a particular group of people or to the general public and who will be beneficiaries, also amount to be raised.
Solicitation will be directed to the general public and to businesses. We hope to raise

at least \$500,000. These funds are for the benefit of the Cuban people who are fighting
to overthrow Castro.

Period of time— start and end— Feb. 7, 1961-may 7, 1961

If applicant is to be employed by another in connection with the proposed solicitation, state the name and address of the employer, together with credentials establishing the exact relationship:

NO

Give names of two(2) reliable citizens who will certify as to applicant's good character and business responsibility; or in lieu, furnish other available evidence of good character and business responsibility so that an investigator can properly evaluate this information.

Richard St. Pe, 2923 Tchoupitoulas St., TW 1 5824

Mr. Bowers, City Attorney's office

By whom will solicitations be made? Members of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front

Will salary or commission be paid? NO If so, what percentage? NONE

Who will receive this salary, percentage or commission? NONE

If professional promoters are to be used give names and permanent address:

NONE

(over)

If telephone solicitors are to be used, give telephone number, location of telephone and names and addresses of solicitors:

NONE

If a show, dance, concert, contest, exhibition or entertainment is to be given, where will it be held and when?

Not planned yet, but we hope that the local professional musicians will volunteer for a benefit...

Who will have charge of program? have not contacted them yet

Name _____

Address _____

Will advertising be sold and will programs be printed? NO

How many? _____

When will they be distributed? _____

To whom? _____

In what manner? _____

If to be sold, at what price? _____

Give name and address of printer: _____

Furnish any other information you may feel is necessary to assist this Department in determining whether or not this permit may be granted. We hope to be able to get a parade permit in order to follow the

Mardi Gras Parades, we hope that radio stations will make appeals for donations and are trying to obtain the help of the Catholic Church and the American Legion.

Have you or your organization solicited funds in New Orleans before? NO

If yes, give date of last solicitation and amount raised NONE

How much was spent in New Orleans NONE

Do you maintain a regular set of books showing all receipts and disbursements? YES

Are your accounts audited NOT YET By whom _____

Do you maintain a bank account NOT YET In what bank NONE

Please give full and complete information as requested above, otherwise permit may be declined.

No permit shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation wherein the contemplated solicitation is of such nature so as to mislead the public into believing that the contributions solicited are to be used solely for charitable, religious, educational and/or benevolent purposes, when in fact only a portion of such contributions are to be so used. In the event a permit has been previously issued and it is afterwards found out that the solicitations are not properly made in accordance with the information furnished in the original application, the permit so granted will be immediately revoked.

Date February 8, 1961

(Signed) _____

By _____

Sergio Arcacha Smith
New Orleans Delegate

Subscribed and sworn to before me, as being true answers to the foregoing questions.

Notary Public _____

My commission expires _____

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